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Mr. Alan Jines
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Program Execution
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RE: IDHW/DEQ COMMENTS ON *REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT FOR OPERABLE UNITS 5-05 AND 6-01 (SL-1 AND BORAX-I BURIAL GROUNDS) (DRAFT FINAL)*

Dear Mr. Jines:

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Environmental Quality (IDHW/DEQ) has reviewed the *Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report for Operable Units 5-05 and 6-01 (SL-1 and BORAX-I Burial Grounds) (Draft Final)*. The document was received on February 2, 1995. In accordance with section 8.3 of the FFA/CO, we are notifying DOE-ID of a potential issue which could preclude finalization of the document.

In Appendix I of the document, cost estimates allow a 30% contingency for containment alternatives. This contingency factor appears to be excessive, considering that the containment alternatives evaluated are relatively low risk remedies in terms of design, construction, and experience INEL has with implementation of containment remedies under the FFA/CO. Please contact us so that we may mutually resolve this concern. We may be reached at (208) 528-2650.

Sincerely,

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